

Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following new paragraph on Page 1, above line 1:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Applicants claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 of German Application No. 102 30 410.6 filed July 5, 2002. Applicants also claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §365 of PCT/EP2003/006303 filed June 14, 2003. The international application under PCT article 21(2) was not published in English.--

On Page 10, please replace the third full paragraph with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The upper shell 1 is deep-drawn from the organic sheet material, in such a manner that not only the aforementioned reinforcement profile 6 and, if applicable, reinforcement ribs on the inside, but also trough-shaped depressions 14, 15, 16 are formed, of which the trough-shaped depression ~~17~~ 16 can be used to accommodate an airbag element. On the upper shell 1, guide elements 18 are furthermore disposed on the edge facing the passengers, which can serve to attach additional units.--

On Page 12, please replace the first full paragraph with the following rewritten paragraph:

--According to Figure 9, a woven fabric reinforcement 12 of inorganic and/or organic fibers of the thermoplastic organic sheet material, formed to produce the upper shell 3 1 can be seen schematically. Instead of the woven fabric shown in the drawing, any 2D or 3D textiles as well as non-woven fabrics in many different combinations can be used. Here, special pre-cut parts 12a, 12b (tailored blanks) can form defined deformation regions 59 or break-up lines 58 for fulfilling safety technology requirements, particularly when using textiles having fiber components 12b oriented predominantly in the longitudinal vehicle direction.--

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please add the attached Abstract on a separate page.

The listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (canceled).

Claim 2 (Currently amended): ~~Assembly~~ The assembly as recited in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ 23, wherein the organic sheet material ~~consists of~~ comprises a thermoplastic reinforced with a fiber woven fabric ~~(12)~~.

Claim 3 (Currently amended): ~~Assembly~~ The assembly as recited in claim 1 ~~or 2, characterized in that~~ wherein the at least one reinforcement rib ~~(32)~~ is formed from the same thermoplastic as the organic sheet material.

Claim 4 (Currently amended): ~~Assembly~~ The assembly as recited in ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claim 20, wherein said at least one strut comprises a plurality of substantially vertical struts connecting the upper shell ~~(1)~~ and the lower shell ~~(3) are connected~~ with one another ~~at least by way of vertical ridges (31)~~.

Claim 5 (Currently amended): ~~Assembly~~ The assembly as recited in claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the upper shell (1) is bonded or melted to the lower shell (3).

Claim 6 (Currently amended): ~~Assembly~~ The assembly as recited in claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the bonding of the upper shell (1) to the lower shell (3) ~~took~~ takes place by way of friction bonding.

Claim 7 (Currently amended): ~~Assembly~~ The assembly as recited in ~~one of the preceding claims,~~ characterized in that claim 23 further comprising tunnel supports attached to the vertical ridge (31) ~~serves for the attachment of tunnel supports~~ (2) strut.

Claim 8 (Currently amended): ~~Assembly~~ The assembly as recited in ~~one of the preceding claims,~~ characterized in that claim 20 further comprising attachment ~~organs~~ (20) ~~and/or~~ elements or guide elements (35) made of plastic ~~are~~ and molded onto the upper shell (1) ~~and/or~~ or the lower shell (3), ~~using the~~ by injection molding ~~method~~ or transfer molding ~~method~~.

Claim 9 (Currently amended): ~~Assembly~~ The assembly as recited in ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that reinforcement ribs (32, 33) are configured as~~ claim 21, wherein said at least one reinforcement rib comprises a plurality of deformation elements, which deform when forces occur and then also permit deformation of ~~the~~ a corresponding shell part.

Claim 10 (Currently amended): ~~Assembly~~ The assembly as recited in ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claim 20, wherein the upper shell (1) is provided with scoops (13) ~~and/or or~~ or depressions (14, 15, 16) for forming storage spaces or tray spaces ~~and/or or~~ or for accommodating instrument panel components, airbag modules, loudspeakers, or similar instrument panel parts.

Claim 11 (Currently amended): ~~Assembly~~ The assembly as recited in ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claim 23, wherein the upper shell has an upper shell edge that faces the passengers, said upper shell edge having ~~has~~ ridge-shaped cut-outs, supported with injection-molded ribs, in the organic sheet material, to accommodate decorative strips or storage compartments that can be opened.

Claim 12 (Currently amended): ~~Assembly~~ The assembly as recited in ~~one of the preceding claims,~~ characterized in that claim 2, wherein the upper shell (1) has depressions (16) to accommodate an airbag module both on the driver's side and the front passenger's side.

Claim 13 (Currently amended): ~~Assembly~~ The assembly as recited in ~~one of the preceding claims,~~ characterized in that claim 20, wherein a scoop (13) is bonded onto the upper shell (1), on the driver's side.

Claim 14 (Currently amended): ~~Assembly~~ The assembly as recited in ~~one of the preceding claims,~~ characterized in that claim 12, wherein the upper shell (1) follows the depression formation at the installation location of the airbag, and is provided with a planned tear-open seam (58) of the integrated airbag lid.

Claim 15 (Currently amended): ~~Assembly~~ The assembly as recited in claim 14, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the planned tear-open seam (58) is formed by a pre-finished organic sheet material region.

Claim 16 (Currently amended): ~~Assembly~~ The assembly as recited in claim 14, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said at least two molded parts are substantially formed from organic sheet material and the planned tear-open seam (58) is formed by a pre-cut ~~part (tailored blank) (12a, 12b)~~ in which at least approximately 90% of the reinforcement fibers or reinforcement filaments of the woven fabric run ~~in the longitudinal direction of the vehicle, in other words~~ crosswise to the longitudinal direction of the molded part, while the region of the organic sheet material around the tailored blank ~~(12a, 12b)~~ has at least one woven fabric layer having approximately the same number of warp and weft threads.

Claim 17 (Currently amended): ~~Assembly~~ The assembly as recited in ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claim 23, wherein the upper shell (1) has planned tear-open locations (58) ~~and/or~~ or regions that are deformable under pressure, in order to absorb the impact of body parts of passengers.

Claim 18 (Currently amended): ~~Assembly~~ The assembly as recited in ~~one of claims 14 to~~ claim 17, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein organic sheet material regions of the upper shell (1) ~~are~~

~~configured as~~ comprise woven fabric hinges ~~(57)~~ that permit pivoting or bending of the adjacent region in case of an impact.

Claim 19 (Currently amended): ~~Assembly~~ The assembly as recited in ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claim 20, wherein the top ~~(1a)~~ of at least the upper shell ~~(1)~~, facing the passengers, is provided with a covering that has a plastic foam material at least in certain regions.

Claim 20 (New) An instrument holder assembly comprising at least two molded parts for attachment to support elements of a motor vehicle, said at least two molded parts comprising an upper shell and a lower shell, each of said upper shell and said lower shell comprising at least one respective reinforcement profile comprising at least one strut and at least one transverse limb extending transversely to said strut.

Claim 21 (New) The assembly as recited in claim 20 further comprising at least one reinforcement rib provided on a member selected from the group consisting of said upper shell and said lower shell.

Claim 22 (New) The assembly as recited in claim 20 wherein said at least two molded parts are formed from fiber-reinforced plastic.

Claim 23 (New) The assembly as recited in claim 21 wherein:

said at least two molded parts are substantially formed from organic sheet material which is shaped by a deep-drawing process into said upper shell and said lower shell;

said at least one respective reinforcement profile extends in a longitudinal direction of the corresponding molded part;

said at least one strut comprises a vertical strut extending substantially vertically; and

said at least one reinforcement rib is formed from fiber-reinforced plastic.